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9. [] Robert Hull, Department of State, called on our retirement legislative proposals which were in the Department for comment to the Office of Management and Budget. I explained some of the legislative history of the transfer of Government contributions provision which Hull was unaware of. Hull felt we had a nice tight legislative package and gave every indication that the Department would favorably comment by the 2 August deadline set by the Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Hull was particularly interested in what reaction we received on our funding proposals, and I told him as in the past we would keep him advised on developments.

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10. [] Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say that Senator Stennis was particularly interested in an unclassified history of the U-2 program to be included in the package of backup material we are providing the Senator for the current military authorization debate.

Braswell raised as more or less a hypothetical question the matter of who should defend our Laos operation from the policy standpoint if this should come up in the debate. I noted that even though it was an Agency program, since the Agency did not recommend policy, it would hardly be appropriate for the Agency to defend the initial decision. I said this was one we would have to think about.

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11. [] During a conversation at a social gathering, discussed with Representative John Moss several matters of Agency interest. See Memo for Record for details.

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25X1 5. [] Accompanied Colonel White and John Clarke who briefed Senator Stennis and Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, regarding the Agency budget and refreshed the Senator's recollection on certain of our paramilitary operations and other matters. The Senator explained his concern about how to cope with questions regarding the Agency which might come up in current military authorization debates and speculated on the possibility of handling our budget authorizations differently in the future. He also asked for background material he could use on certain of our paramilitary activities, the history of the Laotian operations, the U-2 story, a list of senators briefed on Laos and similar operations, and a blind memo listing arguments against expanding the number of senators privy to CIA matters. (This material is being pulled together under Colonel White's direction.)

25X1 6. [] Met with Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), of the Agency Subcommittee, and told him of our concern over the possibility that sensitive Agency matters might come up in the military authorization debate. Jackson said he would try to be helpful and would like to have from us a brief paper []

25X6 [] [] Jackson also inquired about reports he had received on brutality and repression in Greece. I said many such reports were exaggerated but I would be glad to look into the specifics of the case he mentioned.

25X1 7. [] During a dinner conversation with Representative William Whitehurst, of the House Armed Services Committee, he commented that attacks on the House leadership and the seniority system had for the moment been effectively turned back. Whitehurst commented that since the position of our traditional protectors, Chairmen Rivers and Mahon, has thus been reinforced, the Agency will be relatively free from harassment by House critics unless the upcoming elections significantly change the complexion of Congress, which Whitehurst doubts.

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25X1 5. [] Called Mr. Allan Johnson, Office of Management and Budget, on the status of the Agency's proposed retirement legislation. He said that the only outstanding request for comment was with the Civil Service Commission and they expected to receive this report shortly.

25X1 6. [] Mr. Warner and I met with House Minority Leader Gerald Ford in connection with the request of Chairman Celler of the Special Subcommittee of House Judiciary to investigate charges against [] for any information bearing on the case. See Memo for Record.

25X1 7. [] Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called to say that he had indications that since Fulbright, Symington and others might try to go into the Agency budget, its Laos operations, and other sensitive matters during the upcoming military authorization bill, Stennis wished to be able, in such event, to say that he has been fully briefed on the Agency budget, and would like to be armed with other material for use if debate on these issues materializes.

25X1 8. [] Discussed above problems with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who is confined at home due to illness. Woodruff said that Senator Russell was in the hospital but as soon as possible he would try to acquaint Russell with the problem, and would also try to alert Senators Ellender, McClellan and Milton Young to be ready to resist on the floor efforts to probe into Agency sensitive matters.

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9. [] Discussed with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, our problems with the Celler Subcommittee and told him of the Director's planned meeting tomorrow with Chairman Mahon in this connection.

Also mentioned to Preston indications that we might have problems on the Senate side resulting from the efforts of Senators Symington, Fulbright and others to go into our Laotian operations, budget, etc., at least in executive session of the Senate, during the current debate on the military authorization bill.

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Monday - 27 July 1970

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1. [] Talked to M [] of Office of Logistics, who told me he talked to Mr. [] of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho concerning his application for employment and advised him that the employment is under active consideration.

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[] was recommended by Representative James A. McClure (R., Idaho). (See Journal item of 2 June 1970.)

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2. [] Talked to Miss Justine Snipes, Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff, who told me that a Subcommittee meeting for consideration of S. 782 has not been rescheduled. The last scheduled meeting on the bill on Thursday, 23 July, was canceled in favor of continuing consideration of the postal reform measure.

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3. [] Accompanied [] who, in response to Senator Stennis' request, briefed the Senator and Mr. Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, on the Middle East, Laos, Thailand and Cambodia. The Senator explained he wished to be up-to-date on all of these subjects in connection with the ~~current~~ Senate debates on the Defense Procurement bill.

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Friday - 24 July 1970

- 25X1 1. [] Received a call from Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.), who wanted to know when Ambassador Godley would be leaving the city and the appropriate channel for getting in contact with him. On the advice of [] FE Division, I passed the word back to Representative Marsh that Frank Burnett (telephone: 101-21449) of the Laos Desk at Department of State is the control officer for Ambassador Godley's visit.
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- 25X1 2. [] Received a call from Mr. James Rhomberger, who identified himself as an Assistant to Senator Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), who asked how to contact Air America concerning a constituent query about employment with Air America. I gave Mr. Rhomberger Air America's address and telephone number. He will contact them directly.
- 25X1 [] has been advised.
- 25X1 3. [] Received a call from Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, who relayed Senator John Stennis' (D., Miss.) request for a briefing Monday morning on the Middle East, Laos, and Thailand. After checking with Mr. Maury and alerting
- 25X1A [] I confirmed the meeting with Mr. Braswell for 10:30 a.m. Mr. Braswell expressed his appreciation for the quick response.
- 25X1 4. [] Dorothy Biard, in the office of Representative Jim Wright (D., Texas), called and requested a sample of English-language broadcasts from Hanoi which they could send to a radio and TV station in Fort Worth, Texas which is doing a study of reporting in the news media. Miss Biard indicated that they were not interested in any particular theme, but did wish to receive something from the Hanoi area. [] has been advised.
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